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FACING OUR COMPUTER FEARS

BY CHARLES AUSTIN

There are roadblocks on the road to Techno-City, and dark clouds in the blue skies of cyberspace.

You may have decided to computerize your church, studied the equipment needs and software available,and gotten excited about the possibilities. You've thought of e-mail addresses for your congregational officers and planned to automate income reports and quarterly statements to contributors.

You have plans for a web page and look forward to sending pastoral reports and letters to the church office from your home computer.

"But, pastor, that's a lot of money to spend!" says a council member. "We've gotten along fine without this until now," adds another. There are rumors that you have become a computer geek lusting after the latest Microsoft product.

On top of this, the church secretary is muttering worrisome things about "all this new stuff" and insists on being perpetually ignorant about the difference between disk and a hard drive. And the financial secretary has started to act as if the ledger books are national secrets. Someone is leaving alarming articles about cyber-porn on your desk.

While resistance to new things in the church is hardly unusual, the prospect of using computer technology in ministry terrifies some church people.

The fright seems to center around three issues: the anticipated cost, threats to security, and the difficulty of learning new procedures.

Too Costly?

The cost issue ought to be easy to resolve, for financially astute people have already learned that computers save time and money. There is an initial outlay that might be a strain on a congregational budget, but even that can be softened.

If your computer system will cost $5,000, stretch out payments over two or three years; and pare down maintenance contracts on the typewriters which will soon disappear. Solicit or use a special gift to the congregation to computerize your operations, so that the start-up costs are minimal. Make it clear to council members and officers that the initial outlay can be removed from the budget next year.

Get bids on your equipment from several sources, so everyone is confident that you are getting the best deal.

How Secure?

Some fear that congregational records, including financial records that may be confidential, will be compromised or lost through a computer glitch. The maker of your financial software would be able to explain the security and safety of the system and how passwords, locked-up disks, and frequent back-ups keep your data confidential and available to the proper people.

Too Much Change

The change in church procedures due to computerization are perhaps the most traumatic for staff members and volunteers who are not yet familiar with the new technologies.

No one would keep a secretary on the church staff who did not know how to use the telephone. But we have all heard of places where the office staff simple refused to learn how to use a computer.

If that person is to be retained, then retraining will be necessary. They can be sent to a local community college or adult education program to learn word-processing or other computer skills. The major computer stores also offer training programs. A visit to a nearby church that is efficiently computerized might be inspirational. And there are videotapes which help people learn computer skills at their own pace.

(The reverse side of the computer-ignorant secretary problem will hit the non-computerized church very soon. The next time you need to hire a church secretary, there is a very good chance that you will not be able to find a competent person willing to work without a computer.

Take the time you need to ease into the new procedures. Rather than dump everything on the staff at once, deal with one component at a time. Have them learn word-processing first, then the financial package, then desktop publishing, then electronic mail. Provide incentives and encouragement as you go along.

You can also explain to the staff and volunteers that computer skills are now of great value in the "outside world." What they learn at the church will make them more employable in the future.

If a critical link in the chain is absolutely opposed to "this new-fangled nonsense," you can accept a strategic delay. A treasurer might refuse to give up the ledger books, and it might be necessary and kind to let them continue in the old ways. But you could also begin preparing an assistant treasurer to take over eventually and that person would slowly be transferring the financial data to the computer system. Then, when the time for the change comes, someone will be ready.

Yes, there are pastors and congregational leaders that seem morbidly proud of how little they know or care about computer technology. I wonder if those council members want to give their pastor bags of oats for the horse rather than an outo allowance?

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Synod Announcements

Former Zion American Lutheran Church Has New Name

One of our *Fresh Start* re-developing congregations has a new name — Zion American Lutheran Church in the Wallingford area of Seattle will now be called Gift of Grace Lutheran Church. Their pastor is Jami Fecher, 206/632-2662.

Synod Assembly offering totaled $4,111.82. Thanks to all for supporting our re-developing congregations: Gift of Grace (formerly Zion American), Seattle; Shepherd of the Valley, Maple Valley; Advent, Everett; and Riverton Heights, Tukwila.

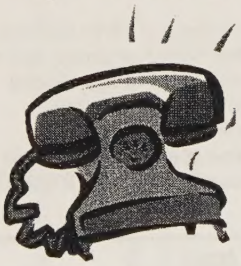
Welcome to Intern Sarah France

Sarah France, a member of Prince of Peace, Everett, will serve as intern pastor at Our Savior's, Everett.

Sarah, currently attendding Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkely, will begin her internship at Our Savior's in mid July.

Dial Bishop Anderson

As of May 1, ELCA Presiding Bishop H. George Anderson has a regular recorded telephone message, "Dial Bishop Anderson."



Anyone will be able to call in and listen to a brief message from the Presiding Bishop. "I look forward to one more way to communicate with the people of our church and learn of their interests," said Bishop Anderson. His messages will be seasonal and devotional and contain "newsy updates about what's hot" in the church.

You can let Bishop Anderson know what topics you would like to hear him address by writing to him at his internet address (anderson@elca.org) or by US mail (ELCA Bishop H. George Anderson, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631) or via LutherLink (GEORGE ANDERSON).

Dial Bishop Anderson at 773-380-2930 (ANYTIME) OR 800-638-3522, extension #2930 (weekdays, 8 am - 5 pm central time).

You can also hear the bishop's message in RealAudio™ format on the ELCA web site. Point your web browser to http://www.elca.org/ob/Anderson.html for these clips and for other resources from and about Bishop Anderson.

1997 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Web Page

A new Web Page for the 1997 ELCA Churchwide Assembly has been developed and is now up and running. We invite you to visit the web site at anytime from now until August 8, 1997 at (www.elca.org/os/cwa).

Right now you can find assembly information under the "Program Schedule", statistical information under "Briefing Guide", under "Registration", you will find information for both voting members and visitors and things like air/ground transportation, housing, maps, etc. Visit our "Quilt Project" area for information on how you may donate quilts. Quilts will continue to adorn the walls of the assembly hall. Under "Augsburg Fortress", will be provided an array of products available for purchase. Don't forget to check out "Around Philadelphia", and you will find general information on dining, shopping, and sightseeing. We have even included a "Weather" forcast area for your perusal.

Some areas are still under construction. Coming soon, look for "Worship", "CWA Highlights", and "Assembly Square". Under Assembly Square you will find information about the display area at CWA. Check the site periodically for updates. If you have any questions, address E-Mail to: cebalos@elca.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

ASSEMBLY VOCABULARY: NO ACCIDENT

It seems like *language* is always changing! One of the language changes that came about for us at the birth of ELCA was the change from the word *delegate* to the words *voting member*. Maybe a bit of explanation is in order. Following is an article that was in the Southern California West Synod Newsletter:

No delegates will be present for the assembly. Voting members are not delegates. The terminology related to the legislative process of this church is no accident. The words, *synod assembly* and *churchwide assembly*, voting members rather than *delegates* were deliberately chosen for our governing documents.

These words reflect the ecclesial understanding that the three primary expressions of this church — congregation, synod, and churchwide organization — exist and serve within this one church.

- The congregation does not meet in convention; the members gather in worship, carry out service, and assemble occasionally and properly for governance decisions and elections.
- The people of this church in each of the 65 synods are not sent as delegates from a given caucus; they are not gathered to act as some politicized delegates to a regional party convention. Rather, they assemble as duly selected members of this church with voting responsibilities for governance and elections on behalf of the synod. The synod assembly is just that, an assembly of the people of this church, some of whom have been granted the responsibility of being voting members of the synod assembly.
- The people of this church, when gathered as voting members of the synod assembly, have the responsibility of electing the voting members of the Churchwide Assembly. Persons so chosen are given the responsibility of doing the work of the Churchwide Assembly; they are to serve and care for the needs and well-being of this whole church.

Underscores Unity

The vocabulary that we use both shapes and reflects our understanding of this church. When we recognize and understand that our *congregations find their fulfillment in the universal community of the Church, and the universal Church exists in and through congregations* (ELCA Churchwide Constitution 3:02), then our awareness of the significance of being voting members in a given assembly may grow. After all, as we declare in the documents of the Church; this Church *derives its character and powers both from the sanction and representation of its congregations and from its inherent nature as an expression of the broader fellowship of the faith.*

We seek together to (a) understand more clearly, and (b) embrace more completely the conviction that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America *shall seek to function as people of God through congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization, all of which shall be interdependent. Each part, while fully the church, recognizes that it is not the whole church and therefore lives in partnership relationship with the others.*

Indeed, we affirm and declare the primary principal of organization for our church, namely, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall be one church.

Within this one church, voting members, advisory members, non-voting members, visitors, and staff will gather to carry out the work of the 1997 Churchwide Assembly.

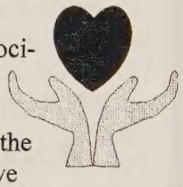
SYNOD DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

-Submitted by Ed & Eleanor Gustafson

Psalm 139:16: "Your eyes saw my unformed body. All my days were written in Your book before one of them came to be."

Handicapped people keep on living a life that says, "I am what I am." I need not attempt to imitate others; I will accept, even celebrate, my difference. Being handicapped does not mean total disability.

Handicapped persons do have a commitment to serve, a contribution to make and they can be functional in society. They can work, make a decent wage, live and be happy for the rest of their lives. Give them a chance in what their capabilities will permit them to do.



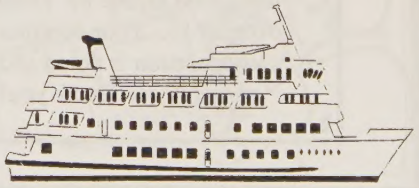
(Taken from an article by Bill Barber of Grand Canyon, AZ, who has Downs Syndrome)

SUMMER SOLSTICE CRUISE TO ALASKA WITH WANGERIN

Lutheran Vespers celebrates its 50th anniversary during 1997-98 by inviting you to join the Rev. Walter M. Wangerin, Jr. on an Alaskan glacier cruise

Seven-day cruises begin either: June 12 or June 9, 1998. Ports of call include: Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Hubbard Glacier, Valdez, College Fjord and Seward.

Phone 847/432-2400 for additional information.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

MANAGING CHANGE

The Alban Institute will offer a seminar on ***Managing Change: Leadership to Release Your Congregation's Potential*** July 14-17 in Seattle.

For more information and registration, contact The Alban Institute, 7315 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 1250W, Bethesda, MD 20814-3211; or call either 800/486-1318 or 301/718-4407, and ask for ext. 230, or fax to 301/718-1958.

FINANCIAL STRENGTH WORKSHOPS

There is still time to sign up for the August 15-16 or September 5-6 ***Financial Strength for the Future Workshop*** for all Northwest and Southwest rostered clergy/AIMS and spouses.

The workshop will be held at the Woodmark at Carillon Point in Kirkland. Each workshop begins with registration at 11 am on Friday and ends at 11 am on Saturday. Friday evening is free. Space is limited.

To register or for additional information, contact Christine Brass at Lutheran Brotherhood, 206/523-0009 or 800/585-5884 (*outside of greater Seattle*).

Please have your September *Soundings* contributions in the Synod Office by Friday, August 15. Your continued cooperation is noted and appreciated! Thank you!

NATIVE MINISTRIES CONSORTIUM SUMMER SCHOOL 1997

CHRISTIANITY IN NATIVE CULTURES - TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY - JULY 13-25, 1997.

All interested people, clergy and lay, are welcome to participate in this joint venture by the Diocese of Caledonia, the Native Ministries Division of BC Conference, the Diocese of Alaska, and the Vancouver School of Theology.

Native Ministries Summer School courses are nonsectarian and interdisciplinary. They examine historical and social data, literary-oral traditions, and artistic and other cultural aspects of indigenous religions. Courses also examine the philosophical and theological dimensions of aboriginal thought.

The course will be held at the Vancouver School of Theology, 6000 Iona Drive, Vancouver, BC V6T IL4. For more information, please contact the Native Ministries Program Office at Vancouver School of Theology, 604/822-9480.

STEPHEN SERIES

Stephen Series Leader's Training Course, Seattle area - July 13-19. Contact: Stephen Series, 8016 Dale, St. Louis, MO 63117-1449; phone: 314/645-5511; Fax: 314/645-9133.

RESOURCES

CONTEXT

Renowned theologian Dr. Martin Marty can assist you in keeping up with the latest on the religion forefront. His easy-to-read newsletter, *Context*, provides volumes of information at your fingertips in 22 issues a year. *Context* presents the latest in theology, philosophy, and culture Order your subscription by calling 800/328-6515.

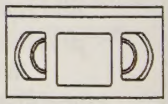
COME AND GROW, NEW MEMBER BASICS

This small group resource, published by Augsburg Fortress. includes a participant book written by Martin Marty (code GT23-2331). The leader's guide (code GT-23-2332), was written by Patricia Liles Smith, an ELCA Partner in Evangelism, an associate in ministry on the staff of Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas,.NV.

REGION 1 RESOURCE CENTER INBOX

Region 1 Resource Center now has it's own LutherLink and internet inbox.

To make a video request, give title of video requested, your name, congregation, street address for UPS, phone number with area code, and the desired date(s).



Send to Carolyn Strain-Evie Boynton, REGION 1 RESOURCE CENTER-LutherLink: internet REGION_ 1_ RESOURCE CENTER@ ECUNET.ORG.

WANT ADS

SYNOD FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Synod Finance Committee would like three new members (2 female, 1 male), (2 lay, 1 clergy). The committee meets about ten times each year on the first Tuesday of the month at Prince of Peace (Shoreline), 14514 20th Ave NE. Business experience needed (not necessarily accounting). Contact Norman Swenson at 206/542-4681 or the Synod Office, 206/783-9292.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Administrative Assistant position available at Foss Home Foundation, 13023 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, 98133. Position is a 30-hour, 5-day work week, beginning ASAP. For job description call Rev. David Reinke at 206/440-2398. If out, please leave a message.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

A library director position is available at Lutheran Bible Institute. The library director is responsible for administering all areas of the library. These areas include staffing, operations, systems, services, policies, collections/access, budget, development, space allocation, and planning.

The library director is responsiblle for providing leadership for the college library as well as advising the Academic Dean and Faculty Council on library affairs. The position is designed as a 4/5th time position for schedule and financial reimbursement.

Qualifications include: Master's Degree in Library Science (MLS) mimimum, Ph.D. preferred.

Deadline for applications: Wednesday, August 13, 1997. For inquiries, contact: Academic Dean, LBI; 425/392-0400; FAX: 425/392-0404; e-mail: dean@lbi.edu; internet: www.lbi.edu.

MINISTER OF MUSIC

Advent Lutheran is seeking a Minister of Music to begin by early September. Qualities desired are a gift to play a variety of musical styles (liturgical, gospel, and contemporary); willing to develop and direct new choirs (i.e. chancel, children's, bell, youth, and/or gospel).

A detailed job description is available upon request; salary is negotiable, depending upon experience.

Send resume to: Musician Task Force, Advent Lutheran Church, 13311 21st Ave. SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012, or call 425/3375373

CHURCH ORGANIST

Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland (*South Whidbey Island*), is in immediate need of an organist. This is a part-time position, Sunday mornings for two worship services, and Wednesday evenings for choir practice. New Rodgers 905 organ! NEW Sanctuary! If you are interested, call Trinity at 360/331-5191, or (*toll-free*) at 888-777-177.

PARISH SECRETARY/OFFICE MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE

The position calls for an individual with interpersonal skills in meeting the public, office management skills and experience on computers and other current office equipment. The position is a thirty hour, five day work week. Salary and benefits based upon experience. The position will begin on August 1, 1997. application and job description available upon request. Call Pastor Maynard Atik at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 783-7900.

ORGANIST/PIANIST POSITION

This position calls for an individual with excellent technical skills on both instruments and experience in liturgical service playing. There are two worship services during the school year, and one during the summer months as well as long weekend holidays. The position calls for accompanying the adult choir on Sundays. (Rehearsals are currently on Sundays.) The instruments are a 2-manual Fritts pipe organ and a Kohler and Campbell baby grand piano. Send resume with cover letter to Pastor Maynard Atik, Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 2400 NW 85th St., Seattle, WA 98117. Salary is negotiable within AGO guidelines. The position is available September 1, 1997. For additional information, call Pastor Atik at 783-7900.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Messiah, Auburn is searching for a full-time Director of Christian education. This position will begin on or about August 1, 1997 and will be on a one-year renewable contract.

We are seeking an individual with a strong commitment to Jesus Christ; someone who has a genuine love of Christian Education and strong leadership, organizational and communication skills.

Contact Ken Seng, 253/833-1584, or Carmen Ode at the church office, 253/833-5280 between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm for an application or further information.

More Want Ads

Candidates, Bd. of Directors

Seattle Lutheran High School seeks candidates to serve on the Board of Directors.

Requirements: thorough preparation for and attendance at monthly board meetings; serving on a board committee; freedom to volunteer about ten hours a month.

Skills: specialties in law, finance, development, human resources, education, anti-racism or long range planning. Candidates should have a passion for young people and be committed to their education and to the Church's ministry to youth. Candidates should have an understanding of the Lutheran Church and be members in good standing of the Christian Church. We are actively recruiting people of color.

Contact Rev. W. Thomas Soeldner, Exec. Dir., at 206/937-7722 or send resume and cover letter to his attention at Seattle Lutheran High School, 4141 41st SW, Seattle, WA 98116 or fax to 206/937-6781.

Dir. Internal Communication/ Marketing, ELCA

The Dept. of Communication, ELCA, has an opening for a Director of Internal Communication and Marketing for the ELCA.

Three general qualifications: 1) a passion for the Gospel and a strong commitment to the ELCA; 2) significant professional experience in communication; and 3) professional experience in marketing.

For a position description and application contact Nicole Ross-Redmond in the ELCA Department for Human Resources, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631-4177, 800/638-3522, ext, #2986 or 773/380-2986. You can write her on LutherLink as NICOLE ROSS and via the internet at NROSS@ELCA.ORG.

Military Chaplains

The Army has 140 new positions for active duty chaplains. All branches of the armed forces actively recruit Lutheran clergy .

The basic age requirement is usually under 42 years; however, there are some exceptions which allow for an age slightly above 42 years.

A three year tour of duty is the initial time of agreed service. At the conclusion of that period of time, the chaplain or the military may decide whether or not to continue chaplaincy. Should the chaplain decide to continue in chaplaincy, he/she may still opt to leave the service, before 20 years, at any time.

For more information, c all 202/783-7503; fax 206/543-0786, or e-mail (elcachap@aol.com).

New Pastor for Church of Mary Magdalene

The Church of Mary Magdalene is seeking an ordained woman pastor to minister to a congregation of homeless women. Experience with women's issues/homelessness required. Duties include, but are not limited to, preparing and leading Saturday worship, outreach, program development and implementation, fund raising and publicity, and some administrative duties. The position is full time and may involve unusual hours. Interested persons may apply by sending resume before July 30 to: Search Committee, Church of Mary Magdalene, PO Box 359, Seattle, WA 98111-0359.

Youth & Family Minister

This half-time position in Youth & Family Minister has responsiblity for children from birth through the fifth grade and their families. A BA degree in a related field is strongly preferred, as well as experience working with children. Contact Phinney Ridge Lutheran, Seattle, 206/783-2350.

St. Mark's (by the Narrows)

Minister of Music

This 3/4 time Choir Director/ Organist shall develop, implement and coordinate the overall music program

Education: Associate or Bachelor's Degree in Music or associated field of study.

Experience: Up to 5 year's direct experience in combined music ministry on a full time basis.

Minister of Education

This 3/4 time position shall develop, implement and coordinate the overal education program. Special emphasis is focused to make education opportunities to the entire membership a vital part in faith and growth in Jesus Christ. Education: Associate or Bachelors (referred) Degree in Education, Theology or associated field of study.

Experience: Up to 5 years direct experience in church related education and well grounded in program development and management.

Minister of Youth and Family

This 3/4 time position shall develop and help coordinate the church's overall ministry with children, youth, young adults and families to deepen their Christian faith.

Requirements: Associate or Bachelor's Degree in Youth and Family Ministry or associated field of study.

Experience: up to 3 years direct experience in combined Youth and Family Ministry with well-grounded program development and management

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All three positions will develop, implement and coordinate programs in keeping with the church's Christian, Lutheran and St. Mark's traditions.

Contact St. Mark's Lutheran Church by The Narrows, 6730 N 17th St., Tacoma, WA 98406-1902; 253/752-4966.

Youth News/& More!

Thinking Summer and Beyond

Youth Servant Events: National and International Servant Events and Hunger/Justice Programs for youth are detailed in ***Journeys for Youth and Young Adults: 1997***, available through ELCA Resource information line at 800/638-3522, or call the Region 1 office for other ideas. Hurry with your plans for an exciting and rewarding summer!

Just-about-Everything-Pages: We're working on updating the second publication for the '97-98 issue. It should be out to you in August so you can plan ahead and make your selections early. Be watching for this all-under-one-cover booklet that gives you so many youth and family learning and fun possibilities!

Let Justice Roll: Held at Holden Village October 3-5. This is a great chance to join other high school youth and adults who are interested in issues of hunger, peace, racism, justice, and the environment. Spaces fill quickky so you'll want to get these dates on your calendar right away and be watching for mere info to come. The theme this year is Earth - Ministry Caring for Creation.

Leadership Training Schools for Youth/Adults

Has your youth group signed up yet? Look in your Just-About-Everything-Pages for registration forms, dates for this excellent opportunity to learn how to be effective youth leaders and have fun all at the same time!

August 14-17
Warm Beach, Stanwood, WA, Keith Purves, 16305 SE 130th St. Renton, WA 98059; 206/255-7452

Make Me An Instrument

Saturday, October 11, 1997

Plans are underway for this year's ***Make Me An Instrument,*** a day-long festival for musicians serving parishes in the Northwest Washington Synod. Last year's event proved wildly popular, and many people have been looking forward to another. The festival will be held at the Lutheran Bible Institute in Issaquah. Mark your calendar and sign up your members now.

For more information contact Erik Floan, Director of Music at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 8501 SE 40th St., Mercer Island, WA 98030 or call 206/467-8614. Watch this newsletter for further details!

Mark Your Calendars

Registration packets are in the mail along with the advance information on the Region 1 Youth Gathering, ***Live Now***, which will be held in Spokane on November 28-30, 1997. Registration cost is $95.

Holy Commotion! is a Region 1 youth and adult leadership event held at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma August 10-14.

Daily electives include song writing, vocal training, drums and percussion, and a wide variety of other learning opportunities, many in specific instruments, and all led by Tom Almli and Lyle Fords and the musicians of the Pulpit Rock group.

Registration deadline is July 15. Contact person and registrar: Lori Howe, 16203 7th Ave Ct E, Tacoma WA 98445, 206/531-6887.

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

First Lutheran of Richmond Beach (North Seattle) is seeking an experienced Youth & Family Director to work with lay leadership to promote, maintain youth and family ministry.

Requirements include: communication,organizational, motivational skills; an ability to share faith experience, theological understandings; education, experience in youth ministries with certification as an AIM (or willingness to seek certification); computer literacy, skills in fundraising, budgeting a plus.

Send resume to First Lutheran Richmond Beach, 18354 8th Ave NW, Shoreline, WA 98177, Attn: Youth & Family Search Committee, 206/546-4153. Deadline July 25.

Family News

In Memory of . . .

Rudolph Mensch

Rudolph Mensch died May 12, 1997, in Chilliwack, BC, Canada where he had been living. Services were held at Christ Lutheran, Chilliwack, on May 15.

Mensch was born in McNutt, Saskatchewan, Canada, on May 21, 1910. He attended Luther College, Decorah, IA, and Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, IA. He was ordained on July 4, 1935, and served parishes in Colfax, WA, and Woodburn, Port Orford, Heppner, and Valby, OR, as well as in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia, Canada, He retired in 1972 from Valby, Ione, OR.

Mensch was preceded in death by his wife, Emma Schaan, in 1995. He is survived by his daughter Janet, and son Raymond.

Ernest Johan Raaum

Ernest Johan Raaum, former pastor of Trinity, Kirkland, died May 6, 1997.

Raaum was born May 13, 1907 in Perham, MN. He attended Augsburg College, and Augsburg Seminary in Minneapolis, MN, and was ordained on June 14, 1936.

Raaum served parishes in British Columbia, Minnesota, Oregon, North Dakota and Nebraska, as well as in Washington.

Survivors include his widow, Norma (Johansen); daughters: Anne and Elizabeth; and son John.

Dear Partners in Ministry

Yesterday afternoon (6/24/97) I had an opportunity to chat with Al Nelson...Seattle branch manager for many years of Augusburg/Fortress. Al has had several health problems during the last year. Many operations for a detached retina in his right eye have been unsuccessful...colon cancer and surgery ... last month. He was awaiting word concerning chemotherapy when his doctors called with the excellent news that he didn't need to go through chemo because they caught the cancer at its earliest stages.

I know Al would appreciate your prayers and cards. His family reads the cards to him. The only address I have is First Lutheran of West Seattle, 4105 California Ave. SW, Seattle 981

Al has been a good friend to many as our paths have crossed at Augsburg or at conventions. Al's ministry has touch a lot of people and I am sure he would love to hear from you.

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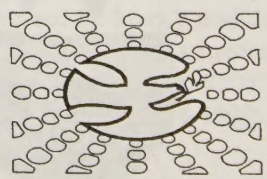
Among those for whom we pray:

- **Larry Olsen,** whose brother died from cancer recently in Wisconsin.
- **Paul Sundberg,** whose mother died April 20 at the age of 81 years. She had lived for a number of years at a nursing home in Edmonds.
- **Sharyn Christensen**, wife of Missionary **Tom Christensen** in Meiganga, Cameroon, who has malaria. Tom and Sharyn's address is: BP9, Ecole de Theolgie, Meiganga, Cameroon. Fax: 011-237-26-1291 (satellite hook-up is difficult but possible).
- **Mark and Elaine Reitan** and family, whose daughter, **Julie Reitan,** died in Arizona. The cause of death is unknown at this time. Services were held at the University of Arizona Sports Center on July 1. A memorial service will be held at Trinity, Lynnwood, date to be announced later. Memorial gifts may be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church.
- **Martha Juhkentaal** is recovering from surgery performed on June 1.
- Congratulations to **Dave & Holly Sorensen** who are the proud parents of **Ethan David,** born May 7;
- And to **Estelle Morley,** who became the grand-
- mother of **Christopher Morley,** born June 3.



CALLS ACCEPTED

Terry B. Kyllo	Celebration, Anacortes	06/15/97
Laura Erisman Ziehl	Bethlehem, Marysville	08/15/97
Linda Nou	Sammamish Hills, Redmond	07/10/97

INSTALLATIONS

Terry B. Kyllo	at Synod Assembly	06/21/97
Laura Erisman Ziehl	Bethlehem, Marysville	08/30/97
Linda Nou	Sammamish Hills, Redmond	07/13/97

ORDINATION/COMMISSIONING

None this month

RETIREMENTS

Robert E. Johnson	07/01/97
Donald W. Smith	06/01/97

ANNIVERSARIES/DEDICATIONS/SPECIAL EVENTS

Grace Chinese, Seattle	new worshipping community	02/01/97
St. Matthew, Renton	groundbreaking for new worship center	05/07/97
St. John, Seattle	30th anniversary	06/25/97

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY—June 20, 1997

Cathie Carlisle	20 years AIM certification
Inez Hushagen	20 years AIM certification
Patricia Moylan	20 years AIM certification
Richard Anderson	25 years ordination
Arden Barden	25 years ordination
Paul Fauske	25 years ordination
Carl Gabrielson	25 years ordination
Mark Johnson	25 years ordination
Ralph Fischer	50 years ordination
Harvey Bernhardt	60 years ordination
Evald Olsenius	60 years ordination

RESIGNATIONS

Gene G. Bradbury	from Bethlehem, Sedro Woolley	07/15/97
Julie M. Josund	from Central, Seattle	06/30/97
Scott A. Kramer	from St. Luke's, Bellevue	05/18/97
Larry P. Morris	from Holy Spirit, Kirkland	06/01/97
Larry A. Olsen	from Celebration, Anacortes interim	05/19/97
Gordon A. Pease	from Peace, Silvana	07/06/97

REMOVED FROM ROSTER BY ACTION OF SYNOD

Trudy K. Arnold	letter of resignation	03/25/97

TRANSFERS IN/OUT OF SYNOD

Marcia Erickson Bates	from Metro Chicago Synod	07/01/97
Gene G. Bradbury	to Oregon Synod	07/15/97
C. I. (Jerry) Lund (retired)	from Southern California West Synod	06/16/97
Terry B. Kyllo	from EWA/ID Synod	06/15/97
Linda Nou	from SWWA Synod	07/10/97
Philip G. Stephan	to Rocky Mountain Synod	02/01/97
Ronald W. Tellefson	from SWWA Synod	07/01/97

DEATHS

Rudolph Mensch	05/12/97
Ernest J. Raaum	05/06/97

CONGREGATIONS/AGENCIES IN CALL PROCESS **V**=Vacancy
C=Calling **NV**=New Vacancy **Int**=Interim **S**=Synod Call **I**=Interviewing

Burien, Glendale (Assoc)	NV	Arnold Anderson, Lead Pastor
Everett, Faith	Int	Dennis Schaffert, Interim
Kirkland, Holy Spirit (Assoc)	I	Michael Anderson, Lead Pastor
Marysville, Bethlehem (Assoc)	C	Jack Richards, Pastor
Redmond, Sammamish Hills (Assoc)	C	Stephen Olson, Lead Pastor
Seatac, Prince of Peace (Assoc)	I	Stephen Grumm, Lead Pastor
Seattle, Bethel Chinese	V	
Seattle, Calvary	Int	Mary Lindberg, Interim
Sedro Woolley, Bethlehem	NV	
Silvana, Peace	NV	
Stanwood, Freeborn	Int	Arden Barden, Interim

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July

10	Executive Committee, Synod Office, 7:30 am
12	Lutheran Day at the Mariners, 1:05 p.m. start
13	Service for Mentally Ill and their families, University, Seattle, 7:00 p.m.
17	Ecumenical Commission, St. John, Seattle, noon
18-20	*Regarding Bridges* multicultural training event, LOMA Center, Issaquah
19	SYNOD COUNCIL, Northlake, Kenmore, 8:30 am-noon
26	Board of Outreach, Synod Office, 9:00 am

August

6	Board of Congregational Life, 7:30 pm
10	Service for Mentally Ill and their families, University, Seattle, 7:00
11	Maritime Ministry Committee, Region 1 Office, 9:30 am
14-20	CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY, Philadelphia
14	Candidacy Commttee, St. Matthew's, Edmonds, 9:00 am
25	Catechumenate Team, Synod Office, 1:00 pm
28	Personnel Committee, Synod Office, 1:00 pm

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